

**ABSTRACT**

[001] The present invention relates to methods and compositions for treating subterranean well formations, and more specifically, to improved subterranean formation treating fluid concentrates, treating fluids and methods of using such treating fluids in subterranean formations. The treating fluid concentrates generally comprise water and a substantially fully hydrated depolymerized polymer. The treating fluids which are formed by adding water to the treating fluid concentrates generally comprise water, a substantially fully hydrated depolymerized polymer and a crosslinking agent for crosslinking the hydrated depolymerized polymer.